



Captain Garry R. White **Second Fleet / Striking Fleet Atlantic** **Chief of Staff**

Captain Garry R. White was born in Utica, NY on September 9, 1955. Raised in the suburb of New Hartford, he graduated from New Hartford High School in June 1973. After attending the State University of New York, located in Fredonia, he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in May 1997.

Captain White participated in Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Training in 1976 and received his commission on February 10, 1978. In March 1978, Captain White entered flight training in Pensacola, Florida and received his Wings in November 1979 in Meridian, Mississippi. From January to August 1980 he was a member of the A-7E Corsair Replacement Air Group, VA-122, in Lemoore, California. After assignment to the "World Famous Golden Dragons" of VA-192 in August of 1980, he served in various capacities including Quality Assurance Officer and Assistant Maintenance Officer while deploying on USS AMERICA and USS RANGER. Upon reassignment to the "Cyclons" of VA-127 in August 1983, Captain White served as Assistant Operations Officer, Safety Officer and COMNAVAIRPAC NATOPS Evaluator, flying the A-4 Skyhawk. After attending Naval Fighter Weapons School, TOPGUN, in 1984 he was designated an Adversary Instructor. In 1986, Captain White underwent A-7 refresher training prior to assignment as a department head in the "Blue Diamonds" of VA-146. While serving as Safety Officer, Administrative Officer, Maintenance Officer and Operations Officer from September 1986 to May 1989 he completed an around the world cruise on USS KITTY HAWK and a western Pacific/Indian Ocean deployment on USS NIMITZ.

In 1989 Captain White was selected to be Officer-in-Charge of VFA-125 Detachment in Fallon, Nevada. After F/A-18 transition training with the "Rough Raiders" in July 1989. In February 1991 Captain White was selected as Aide to CINCSOUTH/CINCUSNAVEUR and served in the NATO headquarters, Naples, Italy and the U.S. Navy Headquarters in London, England. During this tour he was selected for Operational Command. After undergoing F/A-18 refresher training, he reported to the "Stingers" of Strike Fighter Squadron One One Three in July 1993 and assumed Command on August 25, 1994. Captain White deployed on the USS CARL VINSON to the western Pacific/Indian Oceans and the Arabian Gulf. He participated in Operation Southern Watch in Iraq, contingency planning in support of the International Atomic Energy Federation negotiations with Korea, was the OIC for Exercise Inspired Alert in Pakistan, and was the Senior Battle Group Liaison Officer to Australia. Captain White relinquished Command of the "Stingers" on October 26, 1995. He was then assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, DC under the Chief of Naval Operations, CINC Liaison Division, OPNAV N-83.

In January 1997 Captain White commenced Naval nuclear Propulsion Training and in November 1998 was assigned as Executive Officer of the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON. While deployed from June-October 2000 in the Arabian Gulf/Mediterranean Sea, the GEORGE WASHINGTON was heavily involved in operation Southern Watch and combat operations against Iraq. Upon

detaching from GEORGE WASHINGTON Captain White reported to USS ARCTIC in November 2000 as Commanding Officer. In April 2001 ARCTIC deployed to the Mediterranean/North Seas and Arabian Gulf as part of the Enterprise Battle Group. Under Captain White's command, ARCTIC provided logistics support for the Second/Sixth/Fifth Fleets in addition to leading Maritime Intercept Operations, boarding and towing United Nations Sanction violating vessels, rescue and assistance and armed escort to other U.S. Vessels. On September 11th 2001, ARCTIC was the first vessel on station in the Northern Arabian Sea and part of the initial response to the terrorist attack.
